EJU Olympic Training Camp (OTC)

Media Accreditation & Access Guidelines

The European Judo Union is committed to maintaining a professional, secure and athlete-focused environment during all EJU Olympic Training Camps (OTC). In order to ensure fair working conditions, respect athlete preparation and protect the integrity of the training environment, the following media regulations apply to all media representatives without exception.

These guidelines are mandatory for all media visitors, including media representatives affiliated with National Federations, clubs, agencies, independent outlets, photographers, videographers and digital content creators.

1. Mandatory Media Accreditation

All media representatives wishing to attend an EJU OTC must apply for official media accreditation in advance via the official EJU accreditation system: Media Matters - European Judo Union

Applications submitted through any other route will not be accepted. Under no circumstances may media representatives be registered in Judobase as delegates in order to gain access to the training camp. Any media personnel found to be registered as delegates will have their accreditation immediately withdrawn. Also, the organising committee is not allowed to grant access to media without proper accreditation by EJU.

The EJU reserves the right to deny or revoke accreditation at any time if these regulations are breached.

2. Official Open Media Session

Each EJU OTC will include **one** designated Open Media Session:

- **Day:** Please check each OTC Official Outline individually for the relevant dates.
- **Time:** The exact dedicated time window will be announced closer to date with the final program of the OTC.

During this dedicated time window, accredited media representatives may access approved areas of the training camp for filming, photography and media activities. All media activity must remain respectful of athletes, coaches and the training environment at all times.

All **interviews** must take place **only in the official mixed zone** or in another area approved by EJU. Interviews next to the tatami, in changing rooms, athlete corridors or during training are not allowed.

3. Restricted Access Outside Open Media Hours

Outside the official Open Media Session, media access to the training sessions is strictly prohibited. No filming, photography, interviews or media activity will be permitted at any other time.

This rule applies to all media representatives, including those affiliated with:

- National Federations

- Clubs
- Agencies
- Broadcasters
- Private media organisations
- Personal athlete media teams

No exceptions will be made.

4. Authorised Media Activities Outside Media Hours

Outside of the official Open Media Session, media representatives may film in public areas outside the training camp venue, such as cafés, hotel lobbies or other common spaces, provided that athletes' rights and privacy are fully respected and all interviews have been arranged in advance.

Should any complaint regarding inappropriate conduct or unauthorised media activity be submitted to the European Judo Union, the EJU reserves the right to review and reconsider this flexibility accordingly.

5. General Regulations

Accredited media representatives must

- always wear their accreditation visibly
- follow instructions from EJU staff, security personnel and organisers
- respect restricted zones and operational areas
- avoid disruption to training activities
- conduct interviews only in approved areas

The EJU reserves the right to immediately remove any media representative whose behaviour is considered disruptive, inappropriate or in breach of these regulations.

Briefing

Prior to the start of the open media session, all accredited media representatives will receive a mandatory briefing via email. The information pack will outline the exact dedicated time window, permitted areas, movement regulations, filming restrictions, and the procedures applicable in the event of any rule violations.

Live Coverage

Live streaming or any form of live online broadcasting, including via social media platforms, is strictly prohibited during all EJU OTC events.

Should a media outlet require live coverage for editorial purposes, a formal request must be submitted to the EJU Media Department no later than one month prior to the event at rights@eju.net.

Live coverage will only be permitted following official written approval from the EJU.

Filming Equipment

Filming and photography are permitted exclusively with professional media equipment. The use of mobile devices for capturing photo or video content, or to go live on social media, is strictly prohibited and will be considered a violation of the accreditation regulations. Any breach of this rule may result in the immediate withdrawal of the media accreditation.

Proximity and Movement

Media representatives must maintain an appropriate distance from the tatami, athletes, and coaches at all times. Clearly designated media zones will be established from which filming and photography may take place.

Media representatives are strictly prohibited from

- entering the tatami area;
- standing directly adjacent to the tatami;
- moving between athletes and coaches during training sessions.

Filming and photography are permitted exclusively from the designated media areas.

Media representatives are also not permitted to directly approach, interrupt, or request statements from athletes or coaches during training, warm-up, recovery periods, or breaks, unless the interview has been pre-arranged and approved in advance by the EJU.

Injuries and Sensitive Situations

Filming or photographing injuries, medical interventions, visible distress of athletes, emotionally sensitive situations, or private discussions involving athletes, coaches, and medical personnel is strictly prohibited.

Prohibited Areas

Access to changing rooms, physiotherapy areas, medical rooms, weigh-in areas, hotel rooms, recovery zones, and any other private or semi-private areas is strictly prohibited for all media representatives at all times.

6. Filming Minors

As younger athletes may also be present at OTCs, all media representatives must strictly adhere to the following regulations regarding minors.

Filming, photographing, or interviewing minor athletes is permitted only in accordance with child protection regulations and with prior approval from the responsible representative of the respective National Federation, the athlete’s coach, or the EJU.

Media representatives are strictly prohibited from directly approaching minor athletes without prior permission.

For the purposes of these regulations, a minor is defined as any individual under the age of 18.

7. Violations and Disciplinary Measures

The following actions may result in the immediate withdrawal of accreditation and removal from the venue:

- Attempting to access the training hall outside the authorised media access hours;
- Filming or photographing without prior approval;
- Registering media personnel as delegates in Judobase;
- Sharing accreditation passes;
- Streaming live content;
- Creating content with a mobile device;
- Failing to comply with instructions issued by EJU or LOC representatives;
- Entering restricted or operational areas without authorisation.

Repeated violations may result in suspension from future EJU events and activities. The EJU also reserves the right to refuse future media accreditations to the individual concerned for a defined period of time.

Where a media representative is acting on behalf of a National Federation, club, agency, or any other organisation, the EJU may formally notify the responsible organisation of the violation.

In serious or repeated cases, the EJU may restrict or refuse future media accreditations for the organisation concerned.

Should a violation disrupt training activities, damage the reputation of the event, breach athlete privacy, or create a security concern, the EJU reserves the right to refer the matter to the competent EJU body for further disciplinary action.

8. Final Provisions

These regulations have been established to protect athlete preparation, ensure equal treatment of all media representatives and maintain professional working standards throughout all EJU Olympic Training Camps.

By submitting an accreditation application, all media representatives acknowledge and accept these regulations in full.

All published photos, videos and other content must be used in a respectful way and must not show athletes in a humiliating, misleading, inappropriate or out-of-context manner.

EJU reserves the right to limit the number of accredited media representatives per organisation, national federation, club or athlete's personal team in order to ensure an undisturbed training process.

The European Judo Union thanks all media representatives for their cooperation and understanding.